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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims without prejudice, as follows and consider the subsequent remarks/arguments. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Currently amended) <u>A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space, the method comprising:</u>

expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects;

The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from claim 1, wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing how much graphical material each of the plurality of objects contains.

- 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Canceled).
- 6. (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space, the method comprising:

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expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects;

The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from claim 1, wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing a page count of the number of pages contained within each of the plurality of objects.

7. (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space, the method comprising:

expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects:

The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from claim 1, wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing a out-links count of the number of links pointing away from each of the plurality of objects.

8. (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space, the method comprising:

expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object
position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and
listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object

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metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects;

The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from claim 1, wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing a in-links count of the number of links pointing to each of the plurality of objects.

9. (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space, the method comprising:

expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects:

The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from claim 1, wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing a rating for each of the plurality of objects.

10. (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space, the method comprising:

expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects;

The method-for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from claim 1, wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing a logo for a

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company associated to each of the plurality of objects.

11. (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space, the method comprising:

expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

<u>listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object</u>

<u>metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects;</u>

The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from claim-1, wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing contact information for a company associated to each of the plurality of objects.

12. (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space, the method comprising:

expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects:

The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from claim 1, wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing an industry SIC code for a company associated to each of the plurality of objects.

13. (Currently amended) A method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space, the method comprising:

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expressing an world position for each of the plurality of objects, where the object position defines the location of the object within the virtual space; and

listing object metadata for each of the plurality of objects, where the object metadata characterizes detail information about each of the plurality of objects;

The method for describing a plurality of objects in a map of a virtual space from claim 1, wherein the step of listing object metadata comprises listing a trading symbol for a company associated to each of the plurality of objects.

- 14. (Canceled)
- 15. (Canceled)
- 16. (Canceled)
- 17. (Canceled)
- 18. (Canceled)
- 19. (Canceled)
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- 23. (Canceled)
- 24. (Canceled)
- 25. (Canceled)

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26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)